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ISLAND COUNTY TREASURER

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April 3, 2020

Dear Wanda,

North Whidbey Fire and Rescue would like to thank you for addressing the funding issues that we will be facing if the county provides extensions to taxpayers for property tax payments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We heavily rely on property taxes to provide emergency service to our district and citizens. As a small taxing fire district, we couldn't function properly without those taxes.

Our mission is to preserve life and property and to promote safety through leadership, management and actions, as an all-hazard response provider. We are committed to continuing our mission to preserve life and promote safety during this pandemic. However, we have experienced significant cost outside of our normal budget in order to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Increased costs include supplies, training, and staffing to ensure the safety of our members and our citizens.

We are concerned about the financial ramifications of a month-long tax collection delay. While we understand that many members of our community are struggling to meet financial obligations, we must still be prepared to provide effective responses to our district and citizens and need the financial support provided by timely property tax collection. We urge you not to institute the delay in property tax collections

Thank You,


Marvin Koorn, Chairman